



**MINUTES
OF THE
MEETING OF THE
BENBROOK CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Benbrook City Council was held on June 2, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers with the following Council members present:

Jason Ward, Mayor
Renee Franklin
Larry Marshall
Gary Addison
Laura Mackey
Keith Tiner

Also Present:

Andy Wayman, City Manager
Jim Hinderaker, Assistant City Manager
Joanna King, City Secretary
Beth Fischer, Deputy City Secretary
Rick Overgaard, Finance Director
Tommy Davis, Fire Chief

Others:

Pastor Lynn Bullock
Janice Howe
Michael Barber
Karen Henderson
Nick Henderson
Chad Skinner

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p. m. by Mayor Ward

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALEGIANCE

Invocation was given by Pastor Lynn Bullock with the Church in Benbrook.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS ON ANY AGENDA ITEM

IV. MINUTES

1. Approve minutes of the regular meeting held May 19, 2022

Motion by Dr. Marshall, seconded by Ms. Mackey to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held May 19, 2022.

Vote on the Motion

Ayes: Ms. Franklin, Dr. Marshall, Mayor Ward, Mr. Addison. Ms. Mackey

Noes: None

Abstain: Mr. Tiner

Motion carried 5-0-1

V. REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

A. GENERAL

G-2560 Approve Resolution to Suspend Oncor Rate Filing

Rick Overgaard gave the following report: On May 13, 2022, Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC file an Intent to Increase Rates with each of the cities in their service area. Oncor seeks an increase in revenues of \$251 million or 4.5% over present revenues.

The rate increase will become effective on June 17, 2022, unless the City takes action to suspend the effective date.

He proposed Resolution suspends the effective date of the rate increase for 90-days, allowing the City and Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor to:

- Evaluate the filing;
- Determine whether the filing complies with law; and,
- If lawful, to determine further strategy, including settlement to pursue.

Motion by Mr. Tiner, seconded by Ms. Franklin to adopt Resolution No. 2022-03 to suspend the effective date of the rate filing by Oncor.

Vote on the Motion

Ayes: Ms. Franklin, Dr. Marshall, Mayor Ward, Mr. Addison. Ms. Mackey, Mr. Tiner

Noes: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2022-03 being **“RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BENBROOK SUSPENDING THE JUNE 17, 2022 EFFECTIVE DATE OF ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY’S REQUESTED RATE CHANGE TO PERMIT THE CITY TIME TO STUDY THE REQUEST AND TO ESTABLISH REASONABLE RATES; APPROVING COOPERATION WITH THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF CITIES SERVED BY ONCOR TO HIRE LEGAL AND CONSULTING SERVICES AND TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE COMPANY AND DIRECT ANY NECESSARY LITIGATION AND APPEALS; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE STEERING COMMITTEE.”**

G-2561 Approve Mutual Aid Agreement with Benbrook Water Authority for Emergency Response Services

Jim Hinderaker gave the following report: The proposed mutual aid agreement between Benbrook Water Authority and the City of Benbrook will enable the parties to leverage the emergency response capabilities of both participating entities.

Either party may activate the agreement by:

- A declaration of a local, state of disaster
- Finding of a state of civil emergency
- A request by the governing body in anticipation of a local, state of disaster

The term of the agreement is open-ended and may be terminated by either party with a 90-day written notice. All costs associated with the provision of the mutual aid are borne by each party without guarantee or promise of reimbursement. Each party is responsible for all matters of loss, property damage, personal injury, or death related to its services.

Motion by Dr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Tiner to approve the mutual aid agreement for emergency response services with Benbrook Water Authority.

Vote on the Motion

Ayes: Ms. Franklin, Dr. Marshall, Mayor Ward, Mr. Addison. Ms. Mackey, Mr. Tiner

Noes: None

Motion carried unanimously.

G-2562 Approve Amendment #1 with Tarrant County Emergency Services District #1 for reimbursement toward the replacement of two ambulances, all associated equipment, and Firefighting PPE and SCBA bottles

Tommy Davis gave the following report: On August 24, 2021, the Tarrant County Commissioner's Court approved an Interlocal Agreement between the Tarrant County Emergency Services District (ESD) and Tarrant County ("COUNTY") allocating initial program funding to the ESD through the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA"). Funds allotted to the ESD are designated for use to aid and support municipal and volunteer emergency services providers that serve Tarrant County's unincorporated areas by meeting equipment replacement needs, personal protective equipment, and related expenses.

On December 16, 2021, City Council approved an Agreement (Ref # C-347) with Tarrant County for the purchase of an ambulance (replacing the City's 2014 ambulance) and associated equipment. The Agreement was the first of four multi-year agreements programed with the ESD for the replacement of four ambulances in the Benbrook Fire Department's fleet.

As funds for the program must be fully spent by December 2026, Tarrant County has initiated an Amendment to the Agreement to enable the City to move forward with Phase 2 and 3 of Tarrant County's ARPA plan to account for long delays in the manufacturing and delivery of new ambulances. These phases include the purchase of two additional new ambulances (replacing the City's 2015 and 2017 model year ambulances). As before, this will also include a cardiac monitor, Lucas compression device, patient stretcher, and all necessary supplies and equipment fitted in every ambulance. This amendment also includes the purchase of firefighting personal protective equipment (PPE) and Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus bottles.

- Phase 2 is for the PPE and SCBA bottles not to exceed \$30,000.
- Phase 3 is for the 2 new ambulances not to exceed \$580,000 per ambulance. Anticipated delivery of the new ambulances is 18 months and will be included in the FY2022-23 Budget and CIP.

All decommissioned ambulances will be transferred from the Fire Department to the Parks and Public Works Departments for continued use. The ambulance box will be removed and the chassis retrofitted to accommodate a hydraulically operated flat-bed. This process allows the City to save considerable money by eliminated the purchase of new vehicles for the Parks and Public Works Departments.

Motion by Ms. Franklin, seconded by Mr. Addison to approve Amendment 1 with Tarrant County Emergency Services District #1 for reimbursement of up to \$1,190,000 toward the replacement of two ambulances, all associated equipment, and firefighting PPE and SCBA bottles.

Vote on the Motion

Ayes: Ms. Franklin, Dr. Marshall, Mayor Ward, Mr. Addison. Ms. Mackey, Mr. Tiner

Noes: None

Motion carried unanimously.

VI. INFORMAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

VII. COUNCIL MEMBER AND STAFF COMMENTS

Councilmember Franklin expressed appreciation and congratulations to:

1. Citizens that came out to honor the Military at the Memorial Day Tribute held at the Benbrook Cemetery and hosted by American Legion Post 297 and VFW Post 10429.
2. Graduating classes at Benbrook Middle High School and Western Hills High School.

Ms. Franklin reminded citizens of the Artisans Farmers Market to be held in Dutch Branch Park on June 5, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:41p.m.

APPROVED:

Jason Ward, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joanna King, City Secretary